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## Cal Poly Student Accepted to Prestigious Costa Rican Coffee Camp

SAN LUIS OBISPO – Cal Poly Agribusiness graduate student Lauren Jeter will spend part of the summer in Costa Rica as the only American to attend the prestigious Nespresso AAA Summer Campus.

Competing with 2,000 applicants worldwide, Jeter is one of 20 students selected to attend the two-week workshop that focuses on sustainable coffee growing techniques, beneficial business practices, bio-diversity and ecotourism.

The importance of coffee farming to Costa Rica is well known. For more than one and a half centuries the temperate climate, altitude and rich volcanic soils have enabled Costa Rican farmers to grow some of the world's highest quality coffee beans. The recent instability of coffee prices on world markets has challenged the Costa Ricans' way of life.

During the Nespresso Summer Campus, students will explore ways to establish a more promising future for coffee farmers in Costa Rica, one that promotes the highest quality coffee and respects the communities and environments where it is cultivated.

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